

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIN, GE

SUBJECT: NEW GDR BANK NOTES

REF: A. BERLIN A-266, SEPT. 12, 1972

B. BERLIN 1187

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1. FIRST OF LONG-HERALDED NEW GDR BANK NOTES MADE  
INITIAL APPEARANCE IN EAST BERLIN IN SECOND HALF OF  
JULY. NEW 50-MARK NOTE, LIKE OLD ONE (ISSUED IN 1964),  
BEARS VISAGE OF FRIEDRICH ENGELS BUT LEGEND "MARK DER  
DEUTSCHEN DEMOKRATISCHEN REPUBLIK" REPLACES MARK DER  
DEUTSCHEN NOTENBANK." NEW NOTE'S ISSUER IS GIVEN AS  
"STAATSBANK DER DDR", AND DATE OF ISSUE AS 1971. NEW  
NOTE IS BRIGHT MAROON RATHER THAN OLD GREYISH GREEN  
AND IS SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN CURRENT FIVE AND TEN  
MARK NOTES, WHICH ARE MOST DIMINUTIVE GDR BANK NOTES  
NOW EXTANT.

2. OLD AND NEW GDR 50 MARK NOTES ARE CIRCULATING SIDE

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BY SIDE AND, IN ABSENCE INFORMATION TO THE CONTRARY,

WE ASSUME THEY WILL CONTINUE SO TO CIRCULATE FOR A  
YEAR (REF B).KLEIN

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